



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/08/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mary Cavanagh

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

THAW (The Heat and Warmth Fund)

4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:

535 Griswold, Suite 200 Detroit, MI 48226, serves residents around my district and the state

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

382646924

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$3,000,000.00

7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?

THAW requests \$3,000,000 to provide utility assistance for residents in need across the state of Michigan. THAW has demonstrated the ability to provide direct assistance, distributing nearly \$238 million in utility assistance to 331,000 vulnerable Michigan households since 1985. Support from this appropriation request will enable THAW to continue providing gas, electricity, and water payments that will help stabilize ALICE and low-income families, and prevent health emergencies, shutoffs, and homelessness. In addition to improving household stability, direct water assistance will also help reverse the ripple effects of blight, decay, and disinvestment in distressed neighborhoods. THAW currently has effective, established processes for receiving and processing applications for utility and water assistance. In addition,

THAW provides energy education, advocates for customers, and has effective systems in place to pay utility providers across the state of Michigan. THAW provides utility assistance to vulnerable residents in all 83 MI Counties and reduces the chance that families will have to choose between paying for utilities or meeting other basic needs. Direct bill payment assistance will be used to resolve energy and water crises, restore services, and to enroll eligible households in Affordable Payment Plans that make their bills more manageable and help customers pay their energy and water bills timely. THAW will make internal referrals to our EEA program, which provides energy efficiency measures designed to decrease energy usage with the installation of efficiency measures, energy efficiency education, financial wellness, and external referrals to programs like weatherization services and Michigan 2-1-1.

8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:

Federal, State

Amount

\$5,000,000.00

9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:

Funds will be utilized in the Fiscal year for which they are appropriated

10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?

Yes

Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)

The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.

1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?

Yes

3. Does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:

Cedric Flowers, President Mark Winter, Vice President Waymond Harris, Treasurer Christopher Moyer, Secretary Tanya Hill, Executive Chair Pat Alexander, Executive Member-At-Large Katey Forth, Executive Member-At-Large Shafiq Bari, Member Jon Clark, Member Laura Dickerson, Member Jennifer Ebenhoeh, Member Chris Fillar, Member Raynard Jones, Member Robert Porcher, Member Rev. QuanTez Pressley, Member Assad Turfe, Member Annie Whaley, Member

Certification By Sponsoring Legislator

"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."

"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."

*"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."
Senator Mary Cavanagh*